

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for blocking wind, the apparatus comprising  
a flexible sheet having a length;  
a plurality of rods, each having a length, coupled at intervals along the length of the flexible sheet, wherein the rods are disposed with the rods substantially parallel to each other, and wherein the rod lengths are substantially normal to the sheet length.
2. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sheet includes a fabric material.
3. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sheet includes a plastic material.
4. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a rod includes metal.
5. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a rod includes plastic.
6. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the flexible sheet has a width that is perpendicular to the direction of the flexible sheet's length, wherein the length of a rod is substantially the same size as the width of the flexible sheet.
7. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rods are fixedly coupled to the flexible sheet.

8. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rods are detachably coupled to the flexible sheet.
9. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising an attachment mechanism at the end of a first rod for receiving a second-tier rod to produce a rod combination along the direction of the length of the first rod.
10. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising a dual receiving mechanism attached to the attachment mechanism at the end of the first rod for allowing multiple second tier rods to be attached to the first sheet.
11. (Withdrawn) A method for dispensing a wind screen, wherein the wind screen includes a flexible sheet of material having a length and a width, wherein stakes are attached at intervals to the sheet so that the stakes are perpendicular to the length of the flexible sheet, the method comprising  
forming the wind screen into a roll;  
unrolling at least a portion of the wind screen; and  
separating the at least a portion of the unrolled wind screen from the rolled wind screen.
12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for encircling vegetation with  
~~securing a windscreen to a supporting stake~~, the windscreen including first and second stakes attached to an elongated flexible sheet, wherein the first and second stakes are perpendicular to a direction of elongation of the flexible sheet and are separated by at least a portion of the flexible sheet along the direction of elongation, the supporting stake suitable for being vertically supported by ground, the apparatus comprising  
first and second attachment portions for attaching the first and second stakes so that the stakes are held adjacent and substantially parallel to each other, so that ~~the portion of~~ the flexible sheet encircles the vegetation in a substantially complete loop

~~is curved around~~ to form an enclosure that is substantially closed ~~[[at]]~~ around the sides and open at the top; and

a third attachment portion coupled to the first and second attachment portions, wherein the third attachment portion allows mounting of the apparatus to the supporting stake.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first and second stakes are held by the apparatus in a position above, and substantially parallel to, the supporting stake.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first and second stakes are held by the apparatus substantially in-line with a length of the supporting stake.

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the apparatus is integral with the supporting stake.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the apparatus is removably coupled to the supporting stake.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein an attachment portion includes a hole for receiving an end of a stake.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the apparatus is rolled in the elongated direction of the flexible sheet to form a roll for storing.

19. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the roll is unrolled and cut along a line transverse to the direction of elongation of the flexible sheet during a dispensing operation.